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1st. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. M. F. Hurst, of the Oconee Association, from St. John xv. 5, followed with appropriate closing remarks by Eld. W. M. Mitchell, of the body.

2d. In the absence of the former Moderator, Eld. J. S. Baxley, on motion of Eld. W. M. Mitchell, Eld. J. T. Clayton was made Moderator pro tem. of the Association.

3d. Called for and read letters from all the churches composing the Association except Mt. Zion, which sent contribution, but no letter or Messengers.

4th. Invited visiting ministers and brethren of our faith and order to seats with us.

5th. On motion of Eld. W. M. Bullard, Eld. J. T. Clayton was elected Moderator, and Eld. H. J. Redd Clerk for the present session. This was done by a rising vote. Both agreed to serve.

6th. Agreed to observe the same Order of Business as last year.

7th. A motion was made and carried to suspend the regular order of business and attend to the request of Mt. Olive Church, for a letter of dismission from the Association, which request was granted.

8th. Appointed the following Committees:

On Preaching—J. W. Bishop, T. C. Freeman and A. S Henderson, together with the Messengers of Hephzibah Church, R. A. Thompson and J. P. Allen.

To Write Corresponding Letter—Eld. W. M. Bullard.

To Examine Corresponding Minutes—J. H. Folks, R. A. Thompson, J. A. Cone.

9th. Called for correspondence from sister corresponding Associations, and received:

From the Upatoie—J. N. Hutchinson and J. Railey, with letter and Minutes.

From the Beulah—J. B. F. Lindsey, T. J. Prather, W. C. Lowe, J. F. McGinty and W. H. Hawkins.

From the Wetumpka—No correspondence.
From the Hillabee—W. A. J. Ingram.
From the Yellow River—Bundle of Minutes.
From the New Hope—No correspondence.
From the Oconee—Eld. M. F. Hurst, with letter and Minutes.
From the Echaconnee—Minutes.
From the Conecuh River—Eld. W. Lively.
From the Ochmulgee—Minutes.
From the Harmony—Minutes.

10th. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

11th. Arranged a Union Meeting to convene with Sharon Church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1898.

Also, a Union Meeting to convene with Hephzibah Church, Lee county, Ala., on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May, 1898. Both meetings to continue three days.

12th. Committee on Preaching arranged for Eld. W. Lively to preach this evening.

13th. On motion, adjourned for refreshments, and preaching in the afternoon. Also, agreed to meet at 8:30 to-morrow morning to finish up the business of the Association.

SATURDAY MORNING.

October 16, 1897.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and was led in prayer by Eld. H. G. Harris, of the Hillabee Association.

1st. Renewed the call for correspondence, and received the following:

From the Beulah Association—Bro. F. M. McCoy.

From the Hillabee Association—Eld. H. G. Harris, and Bro. B. F. Duncan.

From the Primitive Western Association—Bro. G. W. Head.

2d. Called for report of Committee appointed to Examine Corresponding Minutes. Reported: "We find nothing claiming the attention of the body." Report received and committee discharged.

3d. Returned correspondence to sister Associations, as follows:

To the Beulah—J. H. Folks, B. W. Higgins, T. C. Freeman, J. T. Clayton, Robert Stevenson, H. J. Redd, J. C. Thompson. Convenes with Mt. Hickory Church, Chambers county, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1898.

To the Upatoie—Send Minutes. Convenes Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1898.

To the Conecuh River—Send Minutes.

To the Ochmulgee—Send Minutes.

To the Hillabee—T. C. Jones, J. W. Foster, J. H. Folks, J. T. Clayton. Convenes with Pleasant Hill Church, 10 miles west of Sylacauga, Ala., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

To the Wetumpka—T. C. Freeman, G. F. Webster, H. J. Redd, J. T. Clayton, B. W. Higgins. Convenes with Fish Pond Church, seven miles southwest of Alexander City, Ala., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1898.

To the Yellow River—Send Minutes.

To the Echaconnee—Send Minutes.

To the Primitive Western—H. J. Redd. Convenes with Enon Church, Meriwether county, Ga., on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

4th. Called for contributions from the churches and distributed corresponding Minutes, and appointed Brethren J. W. Foster, T. C. Freeman and R. A. Thompson to attend to this matter, and received from the churches $17.80 for Minutes, etc.

5th. Agreed to have 600 copies of these Minutes printed, Clerk to superintend same, distributing Minutes as usual, and Clerk to have remaining funds for his services.

6th. Agreed that the next session of this body be held with Shiloh Church, Tallapoosa county, Ala., to commence on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1898

7th. Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to tender a note of thanks to the members of Hephzibah Church, and to the community generally, for their generous and unstinted hospitality to all who attended this Association for the entire three days we were with them.

8th. The subject or advisability of dissolving this Association having been agitated to some extent, at the suggestion of Eld. H. J. Redd, a motion was made and carried to refer this matter to the churches, with the request that each church of this Association give an expression in regard to this matter in their letters to the next session of this body.

9th. Called for the reading of the Corresponding Letter, which was read and adopted and ordered spread upon these Minutes.

10th. On motion, read and adopted the Minutes, and adjourned for preaching by Elds. Harris and Bullard, at 10 A. M. to-day.

SATURDAY P. M.—Bro. C. W. Hanson preached, followed by Eld. W. M. Mitchell.

SUNDAY A. M.—Eld. M. F. Hurst preached, followed by Eld. W. Lively.

SUNDAY P. M.—Eld. H. J. Redd preached, followed by Eld. W. M. Mitchell, the Moderator, Eld Clayton, leaving for home at noon.

Thus closed a glorious feast to the children of God. The preaching was soul-comforting from beginning to end, delivered in no uncertain sound. Unconditional salvation in and through Christ Jesus as the *only name* "under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," was the *one* theme of all who preached, and the Saints were made to rejoice for the consolation. The Lord be praised.

J. T. CLAYTON,
Moderator.

H. J. REDD, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Olive Primitive Baptist Association, now in Session with Hephzibah Church, Lee County, Ala., to her Sister Associations with whom she Corresponds—Greeting:

Dear Brethren—Through the abounding mercy and forbearance of our God, we are permitted to hold another session of our body, which is being conducted in peace and brotherly love. We have been refreshed, edified and comforted by the coming of your Messengers. We trust that God will preserve and keep us in union and fellowship one with another, and will bless us with peace, and keep us together in love.

Your correspondence is not as full as we desire, having only three visiting ministers. The next session of our body is appointed to convene with Shiloh Church, nine miles southwest of Camp Hill, Ala., and about the same distance west of Waverly, Ala., on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1898, when and where we hope to greet a goodly number of your correspondents again. In gospel bonds,

J. T CLAYTON, *Moderator.*

H. J. Redd, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	POST-OFFICES	PASTORS	MESSENGERS' NAMES	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Dismis'd by Let'r	Excluded	Died	Total No. Members	Meeting Time	Contributions
1st District.												
Bethel.....	Lee	Phenix City.	W. M. Bullard.	J. A. Cone, W. M. Phillips, W. M. Bullard.....	2	6	4	..	3	71	3	$ 2 50
Hephzibah .	Lee	Opelika	H. J. Redd	R. A. Thompson, H. J. Redd, J. J. S. P. Allen...	..	..	..	..	1	38	1	1 55
Mt. Olive...	Lee	Opelika	W. M. Mitchell.	C. P. D. Taylor, W. M. Mitchell, A. L. Lazenby .	..	2	..	1	1	90	4	2 50
Mt. Gilead .	Lee	Motts	J. T. Clayton ..	J. W. Foster, J. T. Clayton, T. C Jones	2	1	..	..	..	25	3	1 50
Union	Russell	Uhland	W. M. Bullard.	J. W. Bishop, J. C. Hancock	..	..	2	1	..	19	2	1 00
2nd District.												
Bethlehem..	Macon.	Notasulga ..	W. Lively	T. C. Freeman, J. H. Folks, B. W. Higgins.....	2	2	..	2	1	41	2	2 00
Concord	Tallapoosa..	Dadeville...	J. A. Nix.....	A. S. Henderson, Robt. Stevenson	..	3	1	1	..	32	3	1 50
Shiloh	Tallapoosa..	Thornton...	Hanson, supply	I. N. Middlebrooks	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	1 00
Sharon	Tallapoosa..	Thaddeus ..	J. K. White ...	W. P. Raney, G. F. Webster, J. L. Webster.....	1	..	2	..	..	23	4	1 75
Mt. Zion ...	Tallapoosa..	Camp Hill..	W. Lively	No Messengers	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	1 50
Canaan	Tallapoosa..	Waverly....	W. Lively	J. B. Robinson.....	1	..	7	..	1	11	..	1 00
				Total.....	8	14	16	5	7	359		$17 80

Bethlehem restored 1, and Mt. Gilead restored 1.

☞ Eld. J. T. Satterwhite, Assistant Pastor at Mt. Olive.